

### 2002 GAMES AT A GLANCE

517 Competitors 481 Men 36 Women

84 Wheelchair Vets 17 Visually Impaired

67 Teams39 States represented

Oldest Competitors Victor Louis, 91 Canandaigua VAMC

Dorothy Davis, 85 Loma Linda VAMC

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## 16th National Veterans

# Golden Age Games



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### Network 22 Welcomes Veteran Heroes to the City of Angels

On behalf of the VA Desert Pacific Healthcare Network, we welcome you to Los Angeles and the 16th National Veterans Golden Age Games. We are proud to host the Games this year and look forward to many competitive events. We are confident that Los Angeles will provide an enjoyable venue for the games.

The national Veterans Golden Age Games showcases the preventive and therapeutic value of staying active, keeping fit, and enjoying recreational activities throughout one's lifetime. You are an example that age is not an obstacle or barrier to remaining physically and mentally active.

I want to commend all of our competitors, sponsors, faculty and staff throughout the Network, which includes VA healthcare centers in Los Angeles, Long Beach, Loma Linda, San Diego and Southern Nevada, for their tireless effort in making this year's Golden Age Games the best ever.



Kenneth J. Clark Network Director

Remember, while everyone won't be a gold medal recipient, you are all true heroes. Your dedication and courage are an inspiration. We are eager to make your stay in Los Angeles as enjoyable as possible.

Relax and enjoy the camaraderie. I wish you good health and good luck!

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Clark Network Director

# The Games Committee Welcomes you to LA and invites you to tell your story!

Have you met a service buddy here at the Games?

Are you celebrating a birthday or an anniversary while attending the games?

Have you participated in all 16 Golden Age Games?

Do you have an interesting fact about the games?

Do you have a humorous or inspirational Game moment to share?

Share your stories with the Media Center. You could be front page coverage. The Media Center is located in the Constellation Room II on the Plaza Level.

## Location! Location!

Sunday

**Medical Assistance** 

**Brentwood Room** during registration

**Command Center** 

Constellation I Plaza Level

**Lost & Found** 

Constellation I Plaza Level

**Media Center** 

Constellation II Plaza Level

**HP Internet Cafe** 

**Encino Room** California Level





#### 16th National Veterans Golden Age Games

Los Angeles California August 10 - 17, 2002



August 11, 2002

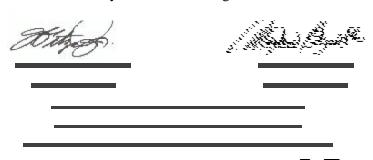
Dear Participants:

As the 2002 Co-Coordinators of the 16th National Veterans Golden Age Games, we are pleased to welcome you to Los Angeles and the Games. Many months of work have gone into making this what we hope to be the best games ever.

The Century Plaza Hotel, Brentwood School and other athletic venues reflect the partnership, support, respect and admiration the Los Angeles community is demonstrating to America's Veterans. From the competitive events to the alternate activities, this year's games will be one that you will share with friends and family for many years to come.

We want you to take advantage of all that Los Angeles has to offer and enjoy the camaraderie and friendship of your fellow veterans. The volunteers and staff of the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System look forward to assisting you during the week of August 10-17, 2002.

We look forward to meeting each and every one of this year's participants. Remember this year, we're "Surfing for the Gold.".







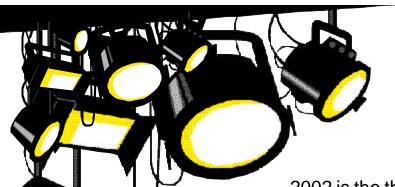
**Medical Assistance Suite 702** 



Medical Assistance • 24 Hours Daily • Sunday - Saturday Look for the medical staff in their RED T-Shirts.

Wheelchair Repair is available from 7 am to midnight daily in the Malibu Room on the California level.

In the event of a life threatening emergency, dial hotel operator to call 911.



# Spot Light

# VA Greater Los Angeles The Home Team

2002 is the third consecutive year the combined team from the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (GLA) will participate in the Golden Age Games. The

Schedule Changes
Alternate Activities

#### Monday, August 12

Baseball Game Angels vs Detroit Tigers 5 P.M. - 11 P.M.

Marina Del Rey Cruise 10:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.

African American Museum trip CANCELLED due to renovations

### Wednesday, August 14

Deep Sea Fishing 6:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.

#### **Thursday, August 15**

Camarillo Mall Trip CANCELLED



teams are represented by the three GLA facilities: Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center/East Los Angeles Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center and West Los Angeles, Healthcare Center.

Each facility is unique. Since the early 90's, each facility had separate teams. Integration changed that in the late 90's. Recently, the

three teams became one. The team from Greater Los Angeles dominated the 15<sup>th</sup> National Veterans Golden Age Games, winning 54 medals, the most medals in the history of the Games.

The GLA team welcomes all teams to Los Angeles and Southern California!

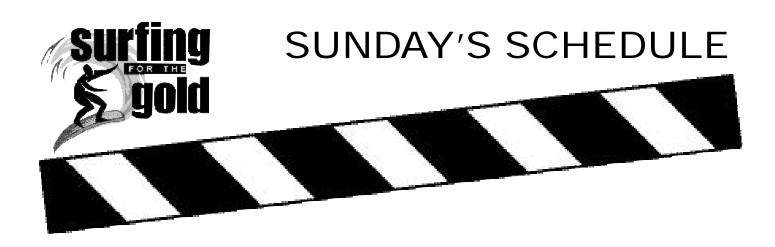
Surf's up! Let the Games begin!

### **Lights! Camera! Action!**

Welcome to Los Angeles! The home of movies and movie stars, the sparkling Pacific Ocean and miles of beaches.

The City of Angels awaits you, walk Hollywood, visit the museums, stroll Rodeo Drive.

The hotel concierge in the lobby is standing by to answer your touring questions and to assist with transportation.



BREAKFAST 6:00-8:00 a.m. Outside Pool Area

**REGISTRATION** 8:00-3:00 p.m. Bel Air Room

LUNCH 11:30-1:30 p.m. Outside Pool Area

DINNER 4:00-5:30 p.m. Outside Pool Area

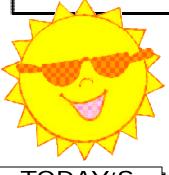
LINE UP FOR PARADE 5:00 p.m. California Showroom

OPENING CEREMONIES 6:00 p.m. Los Angeles Ball Room

MUSIC 8:00-10:00 p.m. "Ricky Minor's"

LATE REGISTRATION 8:00-9:30 p.m. Command Center

L.A. DISCO OPEN 10:00 p.m. Olympic I Ballroom



TODAY'S WEATHER SUNNY

### MENL

Breakfast: Served 6:00-8:00 Juice Seasonal Fruit Danish, Bread, Rolls Scrambled Eggs Bacon Hash Browns Coffee/Tea Lunch: Served
11:30-1:30
Sliced Fruits
Garden Salad
Assorted Deli Meats
Assorted Breads &
Rolls
Coffee/Tea

Dinner: Served 4:30-6:30 Salad Seasonal Vegetables Penne Pasta with Grilled Chicken Assorted Rolls, Assorted Cakes

Coffee/Tea

All meals are served Buffet Style at the Reflecting Pool

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